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NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS.

Important Happenings in the State During the Past Few Days Reported by Telegraph—Matter Selected for the Benefit of Our Own People.

Shepherd, Mich., Aug. 30.—The utter unreliability of the alleged ante-mortem statement of Cashier Struble was demonstrated when the authorities revealed the names of the two men, in addition to Dennis Ryan already named, who Struble, it is claimed, declared a few moments before his death were his assailants. These men were William N. Brown of Ann Arbor, the principal stockholder in the People's bank of Mount Pleasant, and Judge Elijah J. Wheaton of Mount Pleasant.

It has been proved beyond question that neither of these men was within 200 miles of Shepherd at the time of the murder. Wheaton was with a fishing party in Manistee county and had been there for a week. Brown had been confined to his home by illness for some time. Both have established an impeccable alibi, although neither knew until Thursday that he was mentioned by Struble. Wheaton was formerly judge of the probate court and is one of the most respected citizens of the county, while Brown, who is a son-in-law of the late Lieutenant Governor Dwight May, has a state wide reputation. The turn of affairs has tended to intensify the mystery and the most careful observers believe that it may be several weeks before the matter is cleared up.

Detroit, Aug. 31.—A special to The Free Press from Shepherd reports a new clue to the murderers of Cashier Elmer Struble, of the Farmers' bank, George Hall, a farm laborer four miles northwest of Shepherd, last night made a statement that at 3:15 o'clock on the morning of the murder he saw a double rig driven by on the way to Shepherd. It was then too dark for him to see the occupants, but two hours later he was startled by the return of the rig, driving full speed in the direction of Mount Pleasant.

Two men were on the front seat with their hats pulled far down over their eyes. Of these men Hall gives a moderately close description, and his account is corroborated by other farmers along the Mount Pleasant road. The time given by Hall as to the passage and return of the rig would have given opportunity for the murder to be committed, as the theory is that it occurred somewhere about 4:30 in the morning. The officers are working the clue closely and expect good results.

WILL VIEW THE TOTAL ECLIPSE.

Professor Wallace W. Campbell and Wife Soon to Go to India.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 31.—Professor Wallace W. Campbell will head the Lick observatory eclipse expedition to India. He will sail from San Francisco Oct. 20 for Bombay, going by way of Honolulu, Yokohama, Hong Kong and Singapore. He will reach Bombay about the middle of December, and thence will go to the eclipse station, about fifty miles from Poona. The eclipse will take place Jan. 22, and in India will be a total eclipse, lasting about two minutes.

Professor Campbell will take a number of instruments with him, but will be unaccompanied by any other astronomer, as skilled and scientific astronomers in India will afford him any needed assistance. After the eclipse he will make a tour of India and return to America by way of the Suez canal, Europe, and England, reaching New York some time next May. His wife will accompany him.

Professor Campbell is 35 years old, and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was for two years professor of mathematics in the Colorado State university. Seven years ago he went to the Lick observatory, and is now second in rank to Professor Scheberle, the senior astronomer at the observatory. This is the third expedition sent out by the observatory, the former expeditions being to South America and Japan, both headed by Professor Scheberle.

Mrs. Campbell was formerly Miss Elizabeth B. Thompson of this city, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. H. E. Thompson, and was married to Professor Campbell in this city about five years ago.

DETAILS OF AN AWFUL TRAGEDY.

Murder by Their Mad Mother of Ivy and Fern Hutchinson.

Owosso, Mich., Aug. 31.—As the result of an insane mother's homicidal mania two young daughters lie dead at Flint. The act was committed on Saturday morning between the hours of 9 o'clock and noon. The woman is Mrs. May Hutchinson, wife of Editor W. Z. Hutchinson, of the Beekeepers' Review. Fern, the 5-year-old child, died from the effects of chloroform administered by the mother, and Ivy, their only other child, 17 years old, was fatally shot by the maniac. The story told by the bereaved husband and father shows that early on Saturday morning Mrs. Hutchinson expressed a desire to take her children, whom she had always dearly loved, for a buggy ride. Accordingly the husband, noting nothing wrong in his wife's demeanor, ordered the rig. At first she desired both children to get in, but afterwards changed her mind and said she would take Fern alone first.

When beyond the city limits, in a lonely spot, the mother stopped the horse and saturating several handkerchiefs with chloroform, according to her own statement, knamed little Fern and applied the deadly drug to the child's nostrils. The little one staggered feebly at first and said plaintively: "Mamma, what have I done?" but soon was quiet in death. Hiding the body under a clump of bushes, the woman drove back home and said, pleasantly: "Well, Ivy, it's your turn now." The girl was alarmed at the absence of her sister, but the mother explained it by saying that Fern was playing with a neighbor's children. Driving to about the same spot where the other murder was committed Mrs. Hutchinson informed her daughter that Fern was dead and that she, too, must die.

The girl screamed in fright and tried to leap from the buggy, but only reached the ground after two bullets had been fired into her body by the crazed woman. The first tore through the mouth into her neck and the second passed completely through her body from left

to right. While struggling along, trying in vain to escape, she was struck by a third bullet, which rained downward through her abdomen. A farmer named White then appeared upon the scene, wrested the revolver from Mrs. Hutchinson, and with all speed conveyed the murdered and her dying daughter back to town.

The girl died Sunday. Mrs. Hutchinson, who is confined at the Central Police station, talks wildly of her crime. She was sent to the Pontiac asylum about two years ago, but seemed to get better and was discharged a few months ago as cured. Ivy was also at one time confined in a private asylum for insanity. Hutchinson, who is very well-known and highly respected here, is crazed with grief.

Alleged Incendiarism by Strikers.

Bessemer, Mich., Aug. 31.—The dry house at the Palms mine was destroyed by fire yesterday. It is said that three of the strikers were seen running from the dry house just before the fire was discovered, and that there is no doubt of its incendiary origin, as there were no lamps or stoves in the building. Warrants will be issued for the arrest of the men that were seen leaving the building. The sheriff and deputies are in charge of the property, giving protection to the men that are now at work.

Walk-Out of Miners Did Not Occur.

Marquette, Mich., Aug. 30.—The threatened walk-out of miners at Ishpeming did not take place this morning. Neither will the non-union men be forced to quit work in the mines. A continual election was in progress all last week, and when the votes were counted at a meeting yesterday it was found that the strike proposition was defeated by a stiff majority. The last strike in these mines resulted in seven weeks of semi-starvation and then a return to work at the company's terms.

He is Making for the Klondike.

Ishpeming, Mich., Aug. 30.—Clarence E. Ely, the city assessor and broker who disappeared last May, being last seen in Chicago, has been located. John Walters, of Buffalo, formerly of Ishpeming, encountered Ely recently in Roseland, B. C. The insurance companies with whom Ely was heavily insured had traced the missing man to the Kootenai district.

Has Located the Chilocora.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Sarah Bromwell, the Chicago spiritualistic medium, announces that she has located the wreck of the steamer Chilocora through spirits, and that a diver will be sent down to examine the hull. She has been searching two weeks with a steam yacht. She describes the position of the steamer but refuses to disclose the location.

Gold Found in Canada.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Aug. 30.—Excitement is running high here over a recent gold discovery near Michipicoten, on the north shore of Lake Superior, which has just been made public. The find is a wonderfully rich one, assays showing from \$100 to \$1,000 per ton, the samples being taken at random from the surface. The quartz is free milling.

Five Finlanders Drowned.

Gladstone, Mich., Aug. 31.—Yesterday morning five Finlanders were drowned in the bay opposite the furnace by the capsizing of a sail boat. Their names are: Gus Erickson, John Fandt, Gust Anderson, John Hennanson, Holp Erickson.

Sold at a Premium.

Marquette, Mich., Sept. 1.—The Electric Light and Power commission made a remarkably good sale Monday, disposing of the \$25,000 electric light bonds voted at a recent election at a premium of \$2.15.

State Notes.

G. B. Ross, the station agent at Alpena City, Mich., was seized and gagged by robbers who took \$225 and a gold watch, and left him lying under a car. The Evangelical Lutheran synod of Michigan and other states has been organized at Lansing, Mich., by the consolidation of the Michigan and Augustan synods.

Fire destroyed the Ludington (Mich.) basket factory plant, consisting of kilns, warehouse and manufacturing departments. A large quantity of unfinished stock was also consumed. Loss is \$30,000, and insurance \$6,000.

LUETGERT MURDER TRIAL.

Neighbor of the Sausage Maker Gives Some Damaging Testimony.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Mrs. Agatha Tosch, to whom Adolph Luetgert was wont to confide his business and marital troubles, took the stand for the prosecution Tuesday, when the famous murder case was resumed, and gave damaging testimony against the prisoner. According to her evidence, the day after Mrs. Luetgert disappeared Mrs. Tosch had a long conversation with the sausage maker, who, she asserted, was pale and laboring under excitement he vainly endeavored to suppress. In the course of their talk she boldly told him she believed him guilty of making away with his wife, and that he thereupon manifested much excitement and begged her to help him, as he was in great trouble.

Mrs. Tosch dilated on Luetgert's disturbed condition of mind as much as the rules of evidence would permit and finally swore that the man, in the extremity of his distress, declared he was tempted to shoot himself and escape the trouble that hung over his head. Before she left the stand Mrs. Tosch also testified to the hatred felt by Luetgert for his wife and his significant threats to crush her.

Moline Plow Works Resume.

Moline, Ill., Sept. 1.—The Moline Plow company has started up its works with a force of 500 men, which will be increased to 600. The grinders, who were on a strike shortly before the works closed last June, have returned to work. The company has extensive additions to its already immense establishment well under way. All the factories in Moline are now running with a stronger force than at any time during the last four years.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Warren, O., Sept. 1.—A Cleveland, Akron and Columbus engine (No. 27), attached to a south-bound freight train on that road, exploded at Fredrickburg Tuesday, killing the engineer and fireman and badly scalding H. E. Shank, a brakeman. The dead are: William Thornley, engineer; Louis Brown, fireman, both of Mount Vernon.

Hamerton's Marriage.

Philip Gilbert Hamerton heartily disapproved marriage made in the French manner. "And yet one morning," he says in his autobiography, "when I was writing on my desk (a tall oak desk that I used to stand up to) the idea suddenly came, as if somebody had uttered these words in my ear: 'Why should you remain lonely all your days? Eugenie Gindriez would be an affectionate and faithful wife to you. She is not rich, but you would work and fight your way.'"

"I pushed aside the sheet of manuscript and took a sheet of notepaper instead. I then wrote in French a letter to a lady in Paris who knew the Gindriez family and asked her if Mlle. Eugenie was engaged to be married. The answer came that she was well and that there had been no engagement. Soon afterward I was in Paris.

"I called on M. Gindriez, but his daughter was not at home. I asked permission to call in the evening, and she was out again. This was repeated two or three times, and my wife told me afterward that these absences were not accidental. At last we met, and there was nothing in her manner but a certain gravity, as if serious resolutions were impending. Her sister showed no such reserve, but greeted me gayly and frankly. After a few days I was accepted on the condition of an annual visit to France.

"From a worldly point of view this engagement was what is called in French un folie, on my part, and hardly less so on the part of the young lady. We had, however, a kind of inward assurance that in spite of the difference of nationality and other differences we were, in truth, nearer to each other than most people who contract matrimonial engagements. The electric affinities act in spite of all appearances and of many realities."

Food Peculiarities.

Dr. Sophie Lepper, the English food specialist, says in speaking of the peculiarities of various foods that blanched almonds give the higher nerve or brain and muscle food, no heat or waste. Walnuts give nerve or brain food; muscle, heat and waste. Pine kernels give heat and stay. They serve as a substitute for bread. Green water grapes are blood purifying, but of little food value. Blue grapes are feeding and blood purifying, too rich for those who suffer from the liver; tomatoes, higher nerve or brain food and waste; no heat. They are thinning and stimulating. Juicy fruits give more or less the higher nerve or brain, and some few, muscle food and waste; no heat. Apples supply the higher nerve and muscle food, but do not give stay. Prunes afford the highest nerve or brain food, supply heat and waste, but are not muscle feeding.

Cruel, but Necessary.

The Eskimos dread the winter and take early precautions to provide against famine. As the season approaches the great herds of reindeer migrate southward, and the walrus or the seal are all that remain for food.

When an in wind is blowing, the walrus is easily found on the outer edge of the ice packs. When it is blowing off the shore, however, the ice packs sail out to sea with the walrus on them. The natives then class their numbers in a list from the strongest to the weakest. The food that is in store is divided up, the weakest having the smallest quantity, the strongest the largest. Thus the mightiest hunters have strength to provide for the others.

It is a cruel system, but, nevertheless, a necessary one. If all were weak, all would die; if some are strong, they will save many of the weak.

Anticipating the Obsequy.

A poor man lay dying, and his good wife was tending him with homely but affectionate care. "Don't you think you could eat a bit of something, John? Now what can I get for you?"

With a wan smile he answered feebly: "Well, I seem to smell a ham-a-cooking somewhere. I think I could do with a little bit of that."

"Oh, no, John, dear," she answered promptly, "you can't have that. That's for the funeral."—London Telegraph.

German Forts.

The two principal German fortresses on the Baltic sea are at Konigsburg and Danzig. Central Germany has three first class fortresses, Spandau, Magdeburg and Kustrin; on the French frontier, Metz and Strasbourg, and on the Belgian frontier, Cologne and Coblenz.

The Serpent's Sight.

There is a tradition in many parts of Europe that when a serpent's sight grows dim with age he eats fennel and thus regains his vision.

The largest farm in the world is in the southwestern part of Louisiana. It extends 100 miles north and south and 25 miles east and west. It was bought in 1883 by a syndicate of northern capitalists, by whom it is still operated. The fencing is said to have cost \$50,000. Rice, sugar, corn and cotton are raised.

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Seems No Reason for Desecrating the Grave of Mrs. Spranger.

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 1.—The vault in Oak Hill cemetery owned by the Gribner family was broken open Monday night and the big marble slab over the coffin containing the remains of Mrs. Dr. Spranger was torn from its place in the solid cement and masonry. The body was not disturbed, although the sliding door on the casket was pushed back and the remains exposed. Mrs. Spranger and her husband came to Santa Clara county a few years ago from Chicago and built an elegant home on top of the Santa Cruz mountains near Skyland, only a few miles from Wright.

They had every luxury money could buy. Mrs. Spranger died about two years ago, and shortly afterward several papers printed a lot of sensational gossip against the family. She was said to have great wealth by her Chicago relatives, who intimated that there was a mystery in connection with death. The authorities are now wondering whether this has anything to do with the desecration of her grave.

FAURE WELCOMED BY A BOMB.

That Is the Way His Entry Into Paris Was Signalled.

Paris, Sept. 1.—President Faure arrived here last evening and was met at the Northern railroad station by M. Brisson, president of the chamber of deputies; M. Louvet, president of the senate, the military staff and the minister of councilors. Ten minutes after the president had passed the Madeleine on his way to the palace a bomb was exploded inside of the railings of the church. Two arrests were made inside the rail and inclosure, which was immediately closed by the police.

Kansas Bank Robbed.

Elmdale, Kan., Aug. 31.—Shortly after midnight yesterday morning crackmen literally blew the vaults of the Exchange bank to pieces. Nitro-glycerine was used three times and the explosions were heard for miles. Before the third explosion occurred the citizens surrounded the bank and fired into it promiscuously. During the excitement the robbers escaped from a rear door, taking with them \$1,500 in money and \$700 worth of drafts. This made up all the money in the vault, save 128 silver dollars, which were on a top shelf.

Saved by a Woman.

Pewaukee, Wis., Sept. 1.—While Hugo Volter and a number of companions were in bathing near Rocky point, Sunday, he was seized with cramp, and although he is an expert swimmer, he would have been drowned but for the timely aid of Miss Clara Luenzmann, who swam out in deep water and brought him ashore.

Indianapolis Prohibition Ticket.

Indianapolis, Aug. 31.—The Prohibitionists at a meeting at English's hotel nominated the following municipal ticket: Mayor, Samuel J. Wilson; clerk, Edward F. Clark; judge of the police court, Benjamin F. Watson.

Harley Loses His Committee Seat.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 31.—By a vote of 53 to 26 the state Democratic committee last night adopted a resolution declaring vacant the seat of William F. Harley, of Philadelphia, in the national Democratic committee.

Pressed Glass Scales Settled.

Pittsburg, Sept. 1.—The Pressed-Glass ware scale, affecting 8,000 men in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana was settled at a conference here yesterday and factories will be started at once.

Gives Work to 1,300 Hands.

Lawrence, Mass., Aug. 31.—Operations were resumed at the Atlantic mills yesterday after a shut down of four weeks. This gives employment to about 1,300 hands.

Death of Mrs. John Drew, the Actress.

New York, Sept. 1.—Mrs. John Drew, the actress, died yesterday afternoon at Larchmont.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Aug. 31.
Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—August, opened and closed nominal; September, opened 90 1/2c, closed 90 3/4c; December, opened 91 1/2c, closed 91c; May, opened 91 1/2c, closed 91c; Corn—August, opened and closed nominal; September, opened 30 1/2c, closed 30c; December, opened 32 1/2c, closed 32c; May, opened 32 1/2c, closed 32c; Oats—August, opened and closed nominal; September, opened 18 1/2c, closed 18c; December, opened 19 1/2c, closed 19c; May, opened 19 1/2c, closed 19c; Pork—September, opened \$8.95, closed \$8.92 1/2c; October, opened \$8.92 1/2c, closed \$8.95; Lard—September, opened \$4.85, closed \$4.82 1/2c; October, opened and closed \$4.90.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 18 1/2c per lb; extra dairy, 15c; fresh packing stock, 8c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 13c per dozen. Live Poultry—Turkeys, 70c per lb; chickens (dressed), 75c; spring chickens, 85c; ducks, 8c. Potatoes—Early Ohio, 50c per bu. Blackberries—Fair to good, 60c per 16-lb. case.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Aug. 31.
Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 19,000; sales ranged at \$3.25 to \$4.55 for pigs, \$4.25 to \$4.55 for light, \$3.90 to \$4.05 for rough packing, \$4.10 to \$4.45 for mixed and \$4.10 to \$4.40 for heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 7,500; quotations ranged at \$4.95 to \$4.95 for choice to extra shipping steers, \$4.60 to \$5.00 good to choice do., \$4.35 to \$4.70 fair to good, \$3.85 to \$4.30 medium to medium do., \$3.60 to \$4.25 butchers' steers, \$3.40 to \$3.90 stockers, \$4.00 to \$4.50 feeders, \$1.90 to \$2.40 cows, \$2.60 to \$4.50 heifers, \$2.25 to \$4.60 bulls, oxen and stags, \$2.90 to \$4.20 Texas steers, \$3.50 to \$4.50 western range and \$3.50 to \$4.75 veal calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 14,000; quotations ranged at \$2.75 to \$3.70 westerns, \$2.70 to \$3.40 Texans, \$2.25 to \$3.00 natives and \$1.90 to \$2.25 lambs.

Milwaukee Grain.

Milwaukee, Aug. 31.
Wheat—Standard; No. 1 northern, 95c; No. 2 spring, 89c to 91c; December, 88 1/2c. Corn—Firm; No. 3, 29 1/2c. Oats—Higher; No. 2 white, 21 1/2c to 22 1/2c. Rye—Weak; No. 1, 49c to 50c.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, Aug. 31.
Wheat—Higher; No. 2 red cash elevator, 92c bid; track, 93c to 95c; No. 2 hard cash, 87c track; August, 92 1/2c nominal; September, 93 1/2c; December, 93 1/2c asked; May, 94 1/2c bid. Corn—Firm; No. 2 cash, 27 1/2c bid; September, 27 1/2c asked; December, 29 1/2c bid; May, 32 1/2c asked. Oats—Firm; No. 2 cash elevator, 19 1/2c bid; track, 19 1/2c; No. 2 white, 21 1/2c to 22c; September, 19c. Rye—Higher; 49c track. Detroit grain.

Detroit, Aug. 31.
Wheat—Cash white, 92c bid; cash red, 92c bid; September, 92c; December, 92c.

Wages of European Policemen.

London police sergeants, or roundsmen, are paid from \$8.50 to \$12 a week and constables, or patrolmen, from \$6 to \$8. In Dublin the wages are half a dollar less. In Glasgow the highest pay for a constable is \$6.75, for a sergeant \$8. An inspector gets \$700 a year and a superintendent from \$1,200 to \$1,500. The St. Petersburg chief of police draws \$2,500 a year, a sergeant from \$300 to \$400 and a patrolman from \$150 to \$220 a year. Paris pays \$5.25 to \$6.50 to patrolmen (agents) and \$7 to roundsmen. Patrolmen get from \$225 to \$300 a year in Vienna, from \$330 to \$300 in Amsterdam, and \$200 to \$320 at Brussels, where detectives may rise to \$450. The Turkish policemen get \$3 a week and the native policemen of Calcutta from \$4 to \$4.50 a month.

Where He Drew the Line.

Among the first stories recorded by Mr. T. E. Pritt in his "Anglers' Basket" is one about a Scottish laird who was relating the story of a fine fish he had caught one day to his friends at the dinner table. "Donald," said he to the servant behind his chair—an old man, but a new servant—"how heavy was the fish I took yesterday?" Donald neither spoke nor moved. The laird repeated the question. "Weel," replied Donald, "it was twal" pund at breakfast, it had gotten to aichteen at dinner time and it was sax and twenty when ye sat down to supper wi' the captain." Then, after a pause, he added, "I've been tellin' less'n' my life to please the shoot, but I'll be blowed if I'm going to tell less'n' through my old age, to please the fushers."

Jumping a Straw.

Some years ago the late Major Roddy Owen was at Aldershot and offered to back himself to make a horse he was riding jump a straw. Every one laughed, and although his fondness for horses was well known none believed he could accomplish the feat. A long straw was